

Making Christ-Honoring Decisions

1 Corinthians 1:10-17

Honor Christ with your decisions

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(1 Cor 1:10)

By the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

- By – also translated *through, on the basis of, on account of, by the agency of*
- Name – can refer to someone's reputation, authority, power, rank

Paul's exhortations to believers

- **Romans 12:1** I beseech you therefore, brethren, **by the mercies of God**, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service*.
- **Romans 15:30** Now I beg you, brethren, **through the Lord Jesus Christ**, and **through the love of the Spirit**, that you strive together with me in prayers to God for me,

Paul's exhortations to believers

- **2 Corinthians 10:1** Now I, Paul, myself am pleading with you **by the meekness and gentleness of Christ** -- who in presence *am* lowly among you, but being absent am bold toward you.
- **1 Thessalonians 4:1** Finally then, brethren, **we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus** that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God;

Paul's exhortations to believers

- **2 Thessalonians 3:12** Now those who are such **we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ** that they work in quietness and eat their own bread.
- **Philippians 4:2** I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind **in the Lord**.

1 Corinthians 10:31

- Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, **do all to the glory of God.**

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Paul's threefold exhortation

- Unity of speech (resulting from unity of thinking)
- Cessation of factions among them
- State of perfection/completeness/repair by having unity of understanding and opinion

The factions

- Paul
- Apollos
- Peter or Cephas
- Jesus Christ

John 17:11

- "Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, **keep through Your name** those whom You have given Me, **that they may be one as We are.**

John 17:20-21

- " I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

John 17:22-23

- "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

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- Preaching the message of Christ is more important than baptismal ceremonies (1 Cor 1:13c-17a)

John 4:1-1

- Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John (though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples),

1 Corinthians 16:15-16

- I urge you, brethren -- you know the household of Stephanas, that it is **the firstfruits of Achaia**, and *that* they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the **saints** -- that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with *us*.

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- The content of what is preached is more important than the skill of the messenger (1 Cor 1:17b)

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